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A permanent president has been successfully selected. Professor Richard C. Maclaurin comes to lead the Institute from a large experience in educational matters. The students and faculty, realizing the arduous character of the position, will extend to Dr. Maclaurin a cordial welcome into Institute life with every possible hope for continual progression by co-operation.

It is much to be regretted that Dr. Noyes has felt unable to accept the position which he has so competently filled for the past year. As acting-president he has rendered invaluable service not only to the educational side of the Institute, but particularly to the social side of student life. Largely through his efforts, the present Union has been successfully established on a working basis. Dr. Noyes has impressed on all the great worth of his memorable work as acting-president, and the president-elect will come into office with only the future to consider.

PRES. WHEELER'S TALK

California Man will Address Students at Convocation

Today at a general convocation Professor Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California will address the students during the noon hour in Huntington Hall.

Professor Wheeler's talk will be a particularly interesting one to Technology men, as he was one of those who recently had the position of President of the Institute offered to him. He refused this offer mainly because of his love for his own students and college. That this regard is reciprocated by the students is well known and Professor Wheeler enjoys the reputation of being one of the most popular of college heads in America.

Beside Professor Wheeler's speech it is very possible that President Noyes will say a few words in regard to the appointment of Dr. R. C. Maclaurin of Columbia to the position of President of the Institute.

The convocation is bound to be one of vital interest to the students of all classes, and the president asks a full attendance.

OPINIONS OF SCIENTISTS

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go far to insure its future success. Professor Maclaurin is a man of extraordinary versatility, great enthusiasm, and is unsparring of his labors for widening the influence of the university.

W. S. Aldis, M. A., former Principal of the Durham College of Science, says: "Of the large number of able and promising young men whom I have taught none of them has impressed me so powerfully as Mr. Maclaurin. His mental gifts are extraordinary, and behind a quiet and unassuming manner there lies great force of character and the power to carry him, and any institution that he controls, to almost certain success."

Donald Macallister, M. D., L.L.D., President of the British Medical Council and Principal of the University of Glasgow, says: "Professor Maclaurin, by his academic work in more than one university and by his original contributions to mathematical and physical science, has won for himself an enviable name on both sides of the world. His personal qualities are equally admirable; and they have made for him fast friends in each of his fields of work. His powers, his attainments, and his energy justify all who know him in promising for him a valuable and indeed a brilliant career."

DEAN BURTON SPEAKS

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distinctly favorable. His age for one thing is in his favor, and the fact that his scientific training and educational experience has been gained principally in other countries should not count against him. To my mind it is distinctly an advantage. The Institute has sufficient educational strength and character to insure a continued individuality and its growth is likely to be much stimulated by the influence of this young Scotchman."

LEATHER CHEMISTS

The annual meeting of the American Leather Chemists Association will be held at the Hotel Brunswick on Thursday and Friday of this week. All those interested in the chemistry of leather are welcome to the meetings. On Thursday evening Prof. Graves, of the Yale Forestry School, will address the Association, and on Friday afternoon an illustrated lecture will be given by Prof. Field of the Institute.

BATES DIGS IN EGYPT

Professor's Son Brings Home Rare Relics to Boston

Boston will soon come into possession of one of the finest collections of relics of the ancient Egyptians in the country through the efforts and excavations of Orin Bates, son of Prof. Arlo Bates, head of the English department at the Institute.

He was appointed last year to head the Harvard Art Museum expedition and to take charge of excavations around the third pyramid Ghizeh. By his recent discoveries there of a prehistoric temple Mr. Bates is declared to have been placed in the first rank of his profession.

Mr. Bates is a graduate of Harvard of the class of 1905, and has already rendered valuable services to the Egyptian Government as an archeological surveyor in its Nubian expeditions, and will soon return to Africa there to continue his work in the same position.

GYM CLASSES AT WORK

Freshman Attendance Poor at First Meeting—New Instructor

Regular work in physical training began at the gymnasium Monday afternoon. Only about 25 freshmen showed up for the first section meetings and some of these came without suits. Owing to illness Mr. Towne was unable to be present at this time. His place was taken by assistant instructor Bruce, who put the men through a few simple exercises as an introduction to the later work.

The importance and seriousness of the course in physical training must be much more fully realized. The instructors have laid out a systematic program for the year. During the first two weeks attention will be given to light work and the rudiments of calisthenics to be followed by Swedish movements, dumbbell, and apparatus work. The prospects for a gymnasium team are as yet uncertain. Wilson, Gott, and Courtney of last year's squad, have reported for work, but Howell and Darrow are not at the Institute this year.

Most of the freshmen have taken strength tests and many of them have elected gymnasium work in preference to athletics.

Because of the compulsory work in the freshman year, physical training is to be a much more integral part of the business of the Institute than it has been heretofore. Mr. Towne is to be assisted in his duties as instructor by Mr. Harold A. Bruce. Mr. Bruce was captain of the Chauncey Hall School track team in 1901 and at the same time had charge of some of the boys' gymnasium classes at the Boston Y. M. C. A. Later on he was captain of the cross-country track and football teams at the Frye School in Boston and also of the football team at Burdett College the year the team defeated Exeter. Also in 1904 he ran in the Olympic games at the St. Louis exposition and for some time held the interscholastic championship in the 10-mile run. Mr. Bruce is to study this year at Sargent's School in Cambridge in addition to his work at the Institute.

The department of physical training has issued a little booklet containing a preface by President Noyes and a series of tables by means of which the particular body defects in any individual case may be indicated and the proper exercises for removing the defects prescribed. One of these booklets is given to each man taking a strength test and in it are recorded his special needs and the way in which he can supply them. At the end of the booklet is an anthropometric table in which the physical condition of the student is plotted at the beginning and end of the season so that the improvement during the year may be shown. Besides this there is much miscellaneous material on the general care of the body which is of interest to all the men whether they are taking regular gymnasium work or not.

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY

A dozen men were present at the first of a series of talks on "Early Church History," given by Dr. Alexander Mann in Trinity Parish House last Thursday evening. The talks are to be continued each Thursday evening until the Christmas vacation, with the exception of November 26.

Dr. Mann is well known by Tech students and these talks should prove popular and instructive. They are being given under the auspices of the Technology chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and it is hoped by the members that all students interested in the talks be present at next Thursday evening's talk.

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